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SUBJECT: MOBUTU-HABYALIMANA-MICOMBERO MEETING AT GOMA

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1. PRESIDENT MICOMBERO RETURNED EVENING JULY 18 FROM MEETING WITH PRESIDENTS MOBUTU AND HABYALIMANA IN GOMA. OAU SEC GEN EKANGAKI WENT TO GOMA FROM BUJUMBURA SAME DAY (BUJUMBURA 737), HAD BRIEF MEETING WITH THREE PRESIDENTS DURING EARLY AFTERNOON BEFORE GOING ON TO KIGALI FOR THE NIGHT AND DEPARTING VIA BUJUMBURA JULY 19.

2. WHILE DIFFICULT PLACE IN PERSPECTIVE YET, MEETING WAS DESCRIBED AS

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SATSIFACTORY IN RADIO STATEMENTS ALL THREE PARTICIPANTS AND IS

PROBABLY USEFUL MOVE IN FINDING "AFRICAN" SOLUTION TO CURRENT GRB-GOT STALEMATE. COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY THREE PRESIDENTS CONTAINED FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:

A. DECISION BY BURUNDI TO WITHDRAW CHARGES IT PLACED AGAINST RWANDA AT OAU SUMMIT. (COMMUNIQUE ATTRIBUTES THIS MOVE TO FACT THAT "SITUATION IN RWANDA HAS RECENTLY EVOLVED IN DIRECTION OF PEACE AND FRATERNITY BETWEEN RWANDA AND BURUNDI, AS A RESULT OF CHANGE IN REGIME AND ITS NEW ORIENTATION" TWO BROTHER COUNTRIES PLEDGE TO DEVELOP FUTURE RELATIONS OF TRUST FREINDSHIP AND FRATERNITY.")

B. RENEWAL OF TRIPARTITE GROUP. IN THIS ATMOSPHERE, COMMUNIQUE NOTES, CHIEFS OF STATE DECIDED TO REVIVE TRIPARTITE GROUP (BURUNDI, RWANDA, ZAIRE) WITH NEXT SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN BUJUMBURA BEFORE END OF 1973. MOBUTU LATER REMARKED TO RADIO INTERVIEWER THAT RELATIONS AMONG THREE SEEMED MORE SOLID THAN WAS CASE AT TRIPARTITE MEETING IN 1967; SPOKE OF POSSIBILITY FUTURE COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PERHAPS EVENTUALLY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, "BUT THAT IS FOR DAY AFTER TOMORROW".

C. NYERERE-MICOMBERO MEETING AT MICOMBERO'S REQUEST, MOBUTU HAD TALKED WITH NYERERE AND HAD REPORTED NYERERE'S POSITION BACK TO MICOMBERO. AS RESULT, LATTER HAD INDICATED READINESS GO WITH MOBUTO TO MEET WITH NYERERE TO DISCUSS BURUNDI-TANZANIA RELATIONS; MEETING TO BE HELD IN TANZANIA JULY 21.YOST

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